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SB 872 (Hall) School Safety
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ISSUE

Schools, colleges and universities throughout the United States have seen a tragic increase in acts of violence and domestic terrorism on campus. In 2015 alone, there were 23 shootings on college campuses across the country that caused the deaths of seventeen people and injured another 27.

In response to these tragic events, some individuals have irresponsibly suggested that schools should arm faculty or administrative staff with guns as a line of defense on campus. Going even further, there has been a suggestion that students on college campuses should be allowed to openly carry loaded weapons. Such reckless decisions fly in the face of the intent of California's Gun Free School Zones and would only make school campuses less safe by increasing the number of firearms in the hands of untrained and unprepared individuals.

SOLUTION

SB 872 would authorize a local law enforcement agency to enter into contracts with private schools, colleges, and universities to provide law enforcement services.

Just as local law enforcement can currently contract with public school districts, colleges, and universities to provide on campus security services, SB 872 will allow a private school, college, or university to also benefit from the professionalism and skill offered by trained law enforcement officers, should they desire.

SB 872 ensures those trained law enforcement officers, not untrained civilians, are able to promptly address an act of violence or domestic terrorism on a school campus and is a responsible step to keep students, faculty, staff and the public safe while on a school or university campus.

SUPPORT

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Sponsor)
Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs
California Association of Code enforcement Officers
California College and University Police Chiefs Association
California Narcotic Officers Association
California Police Chiefs Association
California State Association of Counties

California State Sheriffs' Association
Los Angeles County Professional Peace Officers Association
Los Angeles Police Protective league
Riverside Sheriffs Association

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